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3 things you need to know

GOVERNMENT CANCELS 9/11-ERA REGISTRY FOR FOREIGNERS

The U.S. government is canceling an inactive registry program for visitors from countries where extremist groups are operating, a plan similar to a Muslim registry considered by President-elect Donald Trump. The Department of Homeland Security is formally ending the National Security Entry-Exit Registration Systems program, known as NSEERS, by removing outdated regulations, spokesman Neema Hakim said. The rule change will be published in the Federal Register on Friday and takes effect immediately. DHS concluded that the program, which was suspended in 2011, was redundant and inefficient and did not provide increased security. Begun a year after the Sept. 11, 2001, al Qaeda attacks on the United States, the program expanded within a year to require registration from visitors from 25 countries, most of them with majority-Muslim populations. **REUTERS**

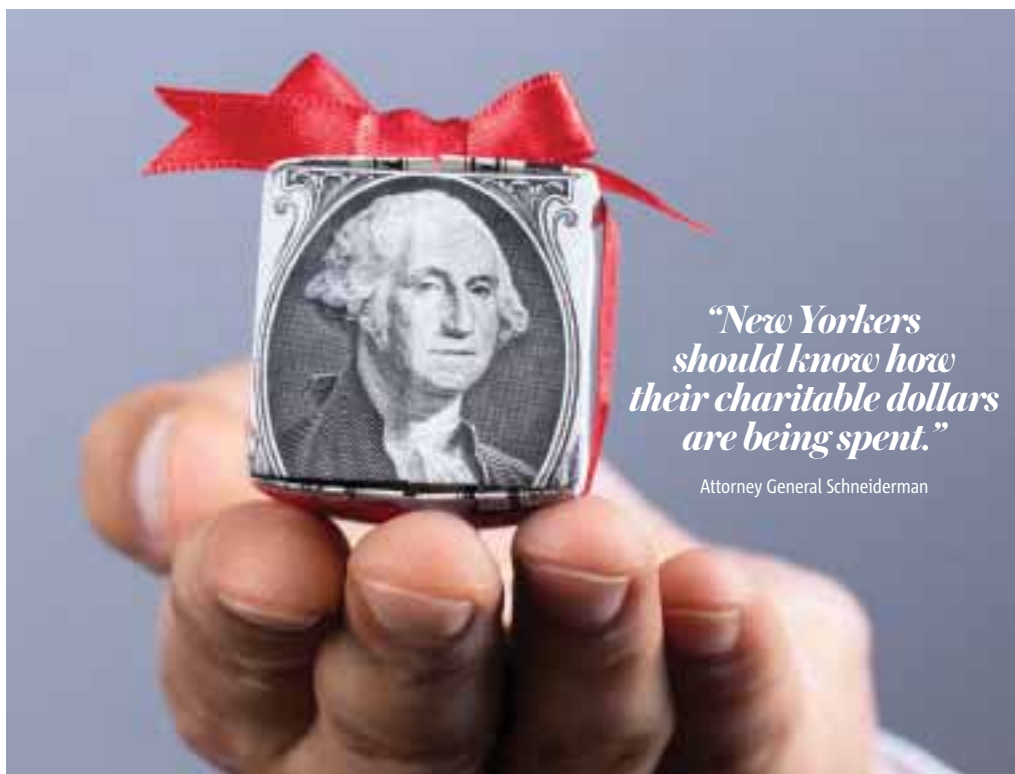


DEATH TOLL IN MEXICO FIREWORKS MARKET BLAST RISES TO 35

The death toll from a chain of explosions at a popular fireworks market on Mexico City's outskirts rose to at least 35 after two more people were added to the list, the local government said on Thursday. The cause of the blast on Tuesday that struck the San Pablito open-air market in Tultepec, about 20 miles north of Mexico City, several days before Christmas, remained unknown. The number of people killed has increased to 35, the State of Mexico's government said in a statement. The latest confirmed victims were a woman and a girl, who both died in hospitals, the government said, noting that 26 people had died at the market, and another nine in hospitals. Dozens more were injured. **REUTERS**

UBER REMOVES SELF-DRIVING CARS FROM SAN FRANCISCO ROADS

Uber Technologies Inc. has removed its self-driving cars from San Francisco streets, halting the autonomous program one week after its launch as the company faced a regulatory crackdown. The California Department of Motor Vehicles said on Wednesday it revoked the registration of 16 Uber self-driving cars because they had not been properly permitted. For the last week, the agency was demanding that Uber shut down its program and comply with regulations requiring a permit to test self-driving cars on public roads. Uber said it was not obligated to have a permit because its vehicles require continuous monitoring by a person in the car. **REUTERS**



"New Yorkers should know how their charitable dollars are being spent."

Attorney General Schneiderman

Money gift box in hand. ISTOCKPHOTO

Where your charitable donations are really going

Some charitable organizations are getting less than 30 percent of funds raised.



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Who is actually profiting from nonprofits?

Half of the charities in the state saw half of the money they raised last year go into the pockets of professional fundraisers and concealed contractors, according to a new report from Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's Charities Bureau.

The "Pennies for Charities: Where Your Money Goes" report released Thursday analyzed the billion dollars raised by 1,143 fundraising campaigns in 2015 by contractors and the professional fundraisers who run telemarketing, email and Internet-based campaigns on behalf of nonprofit organizations.

The report stated that 54.4 percent of the charities included in the research retained less than

50 percent of the funds raised. And 36.3 percent of the charities were able to keep less than 30 percent of the money raised.

The report found that overall, professional fundraisers and contractors kept over a third, 34.5 percent, or \$379.37 million raised for charities last year.

Yet many nonprofit operations are not in a position to do away with professional fundraisers.

"Small and even big charities sometimes don't have the resources or wherewithal to do it themselves. The fundraisers are experts in their field," a spokesperson for the Office of the Attorney General told Metro.

Determining the true amount of fundraisers' cuts is also getting trickier because fundraisers are increasingly using methods that allow them to sidestep reporting their costs to state regulators, the report said. Professional Fundraiser Registrations (PFR), from which the Charities Bureau requires detailed statements, have decreased in the last decade, while Fundraising

Take these precautions before donating

- Research the charities using the tax returns available on the bureau's website, as well as its Pennies database.
- Never donate by cash or wire transfer
- Donate via secure web addresses The web address should always begin with "https."
- Resist pressure to give on the spot. Don't feel pressure to give on the phone or when cornered on the street.
- Ask how your donation will be used. Avoid organizations that make emotional appeals that don't properly answer your questions
- Report suspicious organizations to charities.bureau@ag.ny.gov or (212) 416-8401.

Counsel (FRC) registrations (similar to political consultants), which allows for less disclosure, have increased nearly 40 percent in 10 years.

"New Yorkers should know how their charitable dollars are being spent," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "Our Pennies for Charity report shines a light on the portion of charitable dollars that is pocketed by outside fundraisers, and our Charities Bureau will hold unscrupulous or fraudulent fundraisers accountable."

The Pennies report's primary purpose is to inform donors of how to

give judiciously and be more aware of how much of their money will actually benefit the causes. It advises that donors to refer to the Pennies for Charity database on CharitiesNYS.com to look at the performance of professional fundraisers and charities.

For instance, a search for the Robin Hood Foundation brought up its 2015 figures which showed that 70 percent of funds raised, or \$25 million, went to the charity itself, while its registered professional fundraiser, Event Associates, Inc., took in 30 percent of receipts.



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Passenger pulled off flight for harassing Ivanka Trump

The man's husband reportedly tweeted an hour before the flight that he was going to accost Ivanka.



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Maybe she shouldn't fly commercial for a while.

Soon-to-be first daughter Ivanka Trump was on a JetBlue flight leaving JFK Thursday morning when a passenger, apparently determined to harass her, started to verbally accost her family, including her three children, TMZ first reported.

The male harasser reportedly had kids in his arms while he told Ivanka her father was "ruining the country," and asked her why she wasn't "flying private."

Ivanka ignored the man, according to TMZ, while he was pulled off the plane by JetBlue, screaming "You're kicking me off for expressing my opinion?!"

TMZ later reported that the husband of the accoster tweeted an hour before the flight that his husband would be "chasing [Ivanka and her husband Jared] down to harass them."

Senior Trump transition sources confirmed to ABC News that the incident took place Thursday morning as Ivanka and her family were traveling to Hawaii for a vacation. Secret Service was with Ivanka, but did not engage with the passenger, allowing JetBlue to handle the incident.

ABC7 identified the passenger who tweeted about the incident as Matthew Lasner, a Hunter College professor. He reportedly also tweeted that the couple were removed after his husband "expressed displeasure in a calm tone."

Both tweets had since been deleted.

In a statement to ABC7, JetBlue said: "The decision to remove a customer from a flight is not taken lightly. If the crew determines



Ivanka Trump GETTY IMAGES

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that a customer is causing conflict on the aircraft, the customer will be asked to deplane, especially if the crew feels the situation runs the

risk of escalation during flight. In this instance, our team worked to re-accommodate the party on the next available flight."

Suspect charged in shooting over parking spot outside Hells Angels NYC clubhouse

A man with ties to the Hells Angels has been charged with assault after shooting a man outside the motorcycle club's New York headquarters earlier this month, police said.

Anthony Iovenitti, 52, who was identified from surveillance footage, was arrested Tuesday. He appeared in court Wednesday in connection with the Dec. 11 shooting of David Martinez, 25, during a scuffle over a parking cone outside the 77 E. Third St. clubhouse.

That day, Martinez had just moved one of several traffic cones positioned outside the



The shooting occurred Dec. 11 outside the Hells Angels clubhouse at 77 E. Third St. in Manhattan. WIKIMEDIA

club, so the car he was traveling in could go around a cab that was blocking the street. The club allegedly uses the

cones to save parking spaces for its members, which violates city laws.

Iovenitti walked out

of the clubhouse to confront Martinez and eventually punched him, authorities said. When Martinez pushed him to the ground, Iovenitti took out a gun and shot Martinez in the abdomen. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where he is still recovering with a bullet lodged in his spine, the Manhattan district attorney's office said.

Iovenitti, who posted bail, was originally described as being a prospective member of the Hells Angels, but assistant prosecutor Ryan Hayward said he is a security guard for the club.

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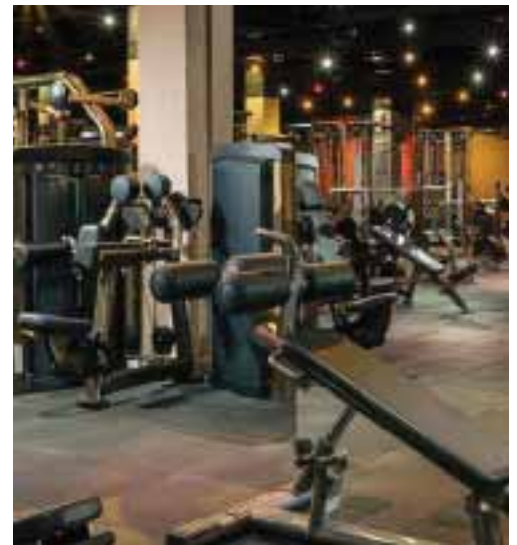
Nearly 25 years after opening its first club-like location in New York, the David Barton Gym abruptly closed its doors Wednesday, leaving countless members in the lurch.

"David Barton Gym has discontinued operations at its locations in New York, Boston, Miami, Chicago and Bellevue, Wash., effective immediately," a statement from parent company Club Ventures confirmed. "All affected employees and clients are being notified."

Club Ventures cited "severe competitive pressures, particularly in New York," for the closures. "It has become impossible for these locations to continue," it said in the statement on the gym's website.

Locations in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Honolulu will remain open, Club Ventures said, adding that they "are in markets that are more favorable to the company's business model." The closed locations have already been removed from the David Barton Gyms website.

The gym promotes its club- and loungelike atmosphere with the



The Boston location of David Barton Gym DAVID BARTON GYM/FACEBOOK

hashtag: #LookBetter-Naked. "We want you to forget the outside world while you are here," the website told visitors in explaining its mission. "It is a landscape for the senses, carved out of imagination and built to get your heart racing before you ever step onto the treadmill."

Members, especially those who have signed contracts through the end of 2017, have taken to social media to vent their anger over the closures that came out of nowhere.

"Did you seriously shut down with no notice to members? Nice, after you just charged me for a yearly membership," Kelly Morgan wrote.

"I paid in full for membership and classes till December 2017

plus 10 personal trainer classes you just sold to me a few weeks ago," Edgardo Alifano wrote. "No one has contacted me to let me know how I will be reimbursed."

Former Boston trainer Aj Avitabile wrote that he branched out into his own business after seeing clients get double charged. "David Barton Gym are crooks and unprofessional," he added.

The gym's namesake, David Barton, who opened the first gym in 1992, left the fitness empire he created in 2013.

David Barton Gyms were located at Boston Park Plaza and in New York at 152 Christopher St., 4 Astor Place, 30 E. 85th St. and inside Limelight at 656 Sixth Ave.

BRIEF

Radio City Rockettes will kick off Trump presidency with inauguration performance
Andrea Bocelli backed out. Elton John declined. There are rumors the Beach Boys might go for it, but the Rockettes are indeed scheduled to perform at Donald Trump's inauguration.

"The Radio City Rockettes, an original American brand, have performed at Radio City Music Hall since 1932 and, as treasured American icons, have taken part in some of the nation's

most illustrious events such as Super Bowl halftime shows, Macy's Thanksgiving Day parades ...," James L. Dolan, executive chairman of The Madison Square Garden Company, said on Thursday. "We are honored that the Rockettes have again been asked to perform in the upcoming inauguration festivities."

This isn't the first time the high-kicking gals kicked off a presidency, having performed at The White House in 2001 and 2005.

"The Rockettes are a wonder-

ful group who have been a part of American culture for decades, almost 100 years and they represent many women from around the country and they're really what's best about America," Trump adviser Boris Epshteyn told CNN.

"So we're very excited and honored to have them be a part of the 50th inaugural."

The Rockettes are one of three confirmed performing acts, joining Jackie Evancho and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

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Mr. Christmas Tree makes annual NYC pilgrimage

Dressed in evergreen boughs, Mr. Christmas Tree spreads holiday cheer.

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The Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center may have some nice lights, but a new tree is coming to town — and this one's got legs.

Mr. Christmas Tree, also known as Tommy Liberto, will be stumping Times Square Friday for his third annual holiday trip to New York City.

Decked in evergreen boughs from head to toe, his mission is simple: to spread kindness and cheer. "I'm spreading smiles," Liberto said in an interview with Metro.

Liberto will start his New York visit off early, walking past the "Today Show." It's been a long-time goal of his to get on the show. Last year he got close, but security guards foiled him at the last minute.

But he did make an appearance on Humans of New York.

For Liberto, being Mr. Christmas Tree has been a "soul saver."

After battling depression for years and deal-



"I'm spreading smiles ..."

Tommy Liberto

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ing with the disappointment of rejection as a stand-up comedian and cable TV presenter, he found himself getting older with not much to show for it.

"I was nearing my 40th birthday and I realized I hadn't really accomplished much, or made my goals. I'd done cool stuff, but I wanted to do more," he said.

So he set out to make people laugh. From a failed movie attempt, Liberto's character was

born. What started out as a ghillie suit — camouflage clothing — slowly evolved into the full-blown evergreen costume now known as Mr. Christmas Tree.

He said it's his way of making the world a better place.

"I've been making a lot of people laugh with my suits and it's a successful delivery vehicle for my comedy," he said.

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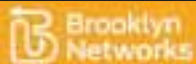
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CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."
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A dismal wind whips flecks of rain around Capitol Hill. The big Christmas tree sags in the dark and clammy air. Under a streetlight, a man shuffles my way in a red outfit, dragging a cloth bag. For a moment I imagine he's homeless; then, a realization: "Santa! What are you doing here?"

"What? Whozzat? Oh, it's you. I thought I was getting robbed." He stops and sighs. "Just trying to drop off a few more gifts before the holidays are past."

"Checked your list and checked it twice?" I smile in the night.

He scowls. "Don't be a wiseass. Or maybe I need another name on my Naughty list?"

"Sorry," I say. "So who are you delivering to?"

"Well, I'd like to say everyone, but that's not the case. The election was so nasty I've been dropping off enough coal to get black lung."

"Whoa, that doesn't sound like the St. Nick I know! Where is the 'ho ho ho,' the reindeer, and the magical sleigh?"

He glowers again. "Not happening. In fact, as soon as I drop off these last items I'm headed back to my melting North Pole to see if I can salvage enough good cheer for a fresh start in the New Year. I could use that. And a drink."

I look up at some

rain-spattered windows. "I guess that makes sense. So what do you have left?"

"A few small bags of filibuster for the

Democratic leadership. Couple of positive poll numbers for the outgoing president."

"Nothing for the Republicans?"

"They got their gift in November."

"Gosh, Santa, this all seems so sad. Can't you give me some hope?"

"Meh. I handed all of that out eight years ago. How about a candy cane?"

"No. I'm good."

We both start to leave when I see him turn back, a faint, familiar twinkle in his eye. "You know, most people are good," he says. "It's just during election years they get so focused on their differences, they forget how much they have in common. Don't let it get you down."

"Thanks, Santa. That helps."

"Sure you don't want that candy cane?"

"Bring it next year. Maybe we can share it in better times."



Santa Claus, also known as Sam McCrea, makes his way along 1st St., en route to the Capitol to deliver coal. GETTY IMAGES

Prosecutors: NJ man groped woman on flight, then wrote apology note

A New Jersey man groped a woman during a transcontinental flight and then apologized in a pair of notes in which he acknowledged his actions were "stupid," authorities said on Thursday.

Ganesh Parkar, 40, of Windsor, appeared in federal court in Newark, New Jersey, on Thursday to face a charge of abusive sexual contact, one day after the female passenger was assaulted on an overnight Air India flight from Mumbai to Newark.

Parkar had a business

class seat but chose to sit in a middle seat next to the woman in economy class, prosecutors said.

The woman fell asleep and later awakened to discover that her blanket had been pulled off her body, according to a criminal complaint. After replacing the blanket and going back to sleep, the woman again woke up to find Parkar's hand inside her shirt, prosecutors said.

According to court documents, the woman yelled, "What the hell

are you doing?" and crew members instructed Parkar to move back to his assigned seat.

Parkar repeatedly asked flight attendants to allow him to speak to the woman but his requests were denied, prosecutors said. He wrote her two notes in which he apologized for a "moment's stupidity" and admitted he had been "stupid," according to the complaint.

A defense lawyer for Parkar did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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President-elect Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Trump calls for expanded US nuclear weapons capability

Trump campaigned on a platform of building up the U.S. military, but also pledged to cut taxes and control federal spending.

President-elect Donald Trump called on Thursday for the country to expand its nuclear weapons capabilities until the world “comes to its senses” — a signal he may support costly efforts to modernize the aging U.S. nuclear arsenal.

It was not clear what prompted his comment. However, earlier on Thursday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia needed to “strengthen the military potential of strategic nuclear forces.”

Trump, who is in Florida for the Christmas holiday, gave no further details. Asked about the tweet, a spokesman said later Trump was “referring to the threat of nuclear proliferation and the critical need to prevent it — particularly to and among terrorist organizations and unstable and rogue regimes.”

Trump also has “emphasized the need to improve and modernize our deterrent capability as a vital way to pursue peace through strength,” spokesman Jason Miller said.

During the next decade, U.S. ballistic missile submarines, bombers and land-based missiles — the three legs of the nuclear triad — are expected to reach the end of their useful lives. Maintaining and modernizing the arsenal is expected to cost at about \$1 trillion dollars over 30 years, according to independent estimates.

Putin, who has said that Trump has confirmed to him he is willing to mend ties between the two countries, spoke on Thursday of the need to enhance the country’s nuclear arsenal.

“We need to strengthen the military potential of strategic nuclear forces, especially with missile complexes that can reliably penetrate any existing and prospective missile defense systems,” he said in a speech in Moscow.

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“The United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes.”

Trump, on a Twitter post

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What to see this holiday weekend

As usual, Christmas Day means a ton of movies hitting the multiplex. Here's what to see (and what to avoid). **MATT PRIGGE**

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"Assassin's Creed"

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The dialogue in "Assassin's Creed" isn't exactly Shakespeare. The stars and director should know: The last time Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard and filmmaker Justin Kurzel teamed up, it was for last year's "Macbeth." How they wound up immediately reuniting for a nutty video-game movie about a knife fanatic skulking about circa the Spanish Inquisition is a mystery for the cosmos. Even they seem confused.

The rare video game movie that will perplex even the source's dedicated players, "Assassin's Creed" actually spends little time in the past. It's mostly set in the present, with Fassbender's criminal jumping



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into the mind of his badass ancestor. It's all very confusing, but there's something sublimely ridiculous about a movie where Jeremy Irons and Charlotte Rampling play the king and queen of evil, and where the incomprehensible plot involves a trip to Christopher Columbus' tomb. It doesn't deserve to become a franchise. It's better to leave this batty thing alone, like a free-floating curio that will confound and delight bad cinema enthusiasts of the future.

"Passengers"

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Enjoy the early stretches of "Passengers" — you're in for a bumpy ride. Chris Pratt plays Jim, one of thousands aboard a luxury space cruiser headed for a new life on a far-off planet. He was supposed to be in hypersleep for 120 years. One day he's accidentally awoken, finding himself alone, with some 90 years to go. For him it's torture; for us, it's engaging, even fun watching him try to keep himself sane when the only one to talk to is a robot bartender (Michael Sheen).

Driven mad with loneliness, he can't help but wake heavily sleeping fellow traveler (Jennifer Lawrence). He woos her, and without telling her his horrible

secret. To reveal how things go once she does find out would be a spoiler. Let's just say it doesn't end well, at least for any viewer grossed out by sick male fantasies. One watches it while nervously biting nails. Maybe it won't end deplorably? Maybe it won't recall that old Onion article "Romantic-Comedy Behavior Gets Real-Life Man Arrested"? Alas, no.



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"Sing"

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"Sing" revolves around a koala (Matthew McConaughey, collecting a paycheck) who creates a singing contest to save his failing theater, which he has run into the ground. He recruits a roulette of talented daydreaming animals (voiced by Reese Witherspoon, Scarlett Johansson, Seth MacFarlane, etc.), all of whom are — surprise! — unappreciated musical prodigies hoping to escape the mundanity of their lives.

As with so many digitally animated movies, "Sing" is technically competent but utterly bland. The animation is hyper-detailed, but the writing is pedestrian. The heart-warming moments feel like Pixar's leftovers reheated in a microwave. The cast can belt out notes with aplomb, especially YouTube star-turned Grammy-nominated singer Tori Kelly. You get the feeling that "Sing" is nothing more than a two-hour, \$75-million advertisement for a celebrity covers album. **GREG CMIK**



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"Why Him?"

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"Why Him?" is hardly the triumphant return to comedy Bryan Cranston deserved. But it does have a funny James Franco, which is when the actor is his best. As usual, he plays a lovable idiot, this one a Silicon Valley god who opens his swanky digs to the Flemings, a suburban family whose smart, college-age daughter (Zoey Deutch) has confusingly

become enamored with this loon. Her father, Cranston's Ned, is not pleased, especially when Franco's Laird says he wants to pop the question.

"Why Him?" ladles on the gross-out deluges, with Cranston gamely defiling himself, including two separate bouts with a "smart toilet" and, in likely the year's worst scene, even, later winds up trapped under a desk while his daughter and Laird obliviously and noisily get it on above him.

"Silence"

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Is it silly to say a movie called "Silence" is shockingly quiet? It isn't if you're talking about a new Martin Scorsese movie. The filmmaker has never made a film as serene as his decades-in-the-works take on Shusaku Endo's 1967 novel, concerning Jesuit priests (Andrew Garfield and Adam Driver) who journey to 17th century Japan, when the nation had outlawed Christianity. They undergo unimaginable torture, both physical and mental, but even when priests and their unlucky converts are being crucified at sea or burned alive, Scorsese's usually hepped-up camera quietly observes instead of rubbing our noses in suffering a la "The Passion of the Christ."



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When we say "Silence" is slow, we mean it as a compliment. The unhurried pace gives us time to ponder its heady ideas: about faith, about doubt, about our heroes' realization that they might really be intruders who have caused their followers bodily harm. Even if "Silence" is shut out by awards season, it will live on, as not just one of Scorsese's best, but as a film where an old master tries something thrillingly new.

"Hidden Figures"

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"Hidden Figures," in which we watch a trio of black women in the early 1960s triumph over adversity, arrives at the tail-end of a brutal year for diversity. Oh, and the baddies are racists (and Russians). Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monae gamely play Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn and Mary Jackson — three under-heralded real-life brainiacs who, through pluck, luck and

uncommon genius, rise up from low-level positions at NASA, each eventually playing small but key roles in the early days of the American space race.

There are plenty of bigots to fend off, but this isn't another movie in which the black experience is told from a white perspective. It's our three heroes' struggles, suffering and legitimately thrilling moments of triumph that steer the ship. Oddly enough, this tale from America's past will distract you from our grim present.



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"Julieta"

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When people talk Pedro Almodóvar, they talk about his loud colors, his peerless insights into women, his sincere and unabashed love of old-fashioned melodrama. But maybe his real gift is for structure.

"Julieta" — like "The Skin I Live In," "Bad Education" and "Talk to Her" — is a movie whose story doesn't become fully clear until the movie's nearly over. When we have our eureka moment late in, it's no mere cheap plot twist; the structure is a sly and psychologically fascinating plunge into the

art of self-deception.

Emma Suarez plays a seemingly contented middle-age woman who one day hears news of the daughter she hasn't seen in years. We don't know exactly what happened, and the rest of the film is an epic flashback, catching us up to speed and

effectively giving us one of the great breakup movies, albeit between mother and daughter. Almodóvar uses a clever structure and arresting, confident filmmaking to get us inside a damaged head, and to help us understand the lengths people will go to move on.

"Patriots Day"

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"Patriots Day," Peter Berg's recreation of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, was clearly intended as an ode to resilience, to communities coming together, to love trumping hate. But it's also a Peter Berg film (see: "Lone Survivor," "Battleship"). It's an adrenaline junkie's reckless version of a populist weepie, filled with awesome dudes toting big, cool guns, officials laughing away suspects' Miranda rights and the Newtown shootout blown up to



KAREN BALLARD

D-Day on a suburban street.

That doesn't mean it's not bluntly effective, though you have to do research to learn that star Mark Wahlberg is the only one not playing a real person. He's a composite character created so that one of Boston's most successful sons can save a good chunk of the day. **MATT PRIGGE**

"A Monster Calls"

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Go after your dreams. Believe in yourself. Overcome adversity. These are the messages children's movies offer young viewers. "A Monster Calls" preaches none of this, but it does add these lessons to the pile: Life is hard. People are complicated. Emotions are messy. Your loved

ones will one day die and you can do nothing to stop that.

These are not, perhaps, sentiments parents wish to impart to their children. Too bad, because "A Monster Calls" — about a boy (Lewis MacDougall) with a dying mom (Felicity Jones) who's aided by a tree monster (voice of Liam Neeson) — is as beautifully made as it is refreshingly honest. **MP**

"Live by Night"

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They don't make them like they used to. We hear that about movies a lot these days. That's why it's always a treat to see, say, a rare new gangster movie — and a sock to the gut when they turn out kind of lousy.

The story follows Ben Affleck's Joe Coughlin, the son of

a bigwig Boston police captain (Brendan Gleeson) who went to World War I and came back a bootlegger. He finds himself reluctantly caught in between two crime bosses, one of whom sends him to Tampa to oversee the rum division. There's a lot going on in Dennis Lehane's novel, and Affleck seems to want to get it all in. It's no fun to report that he's made a stilted mess. **MP**



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Sandra Bernhard isn't crying

And you shouldn't either, so prepare to laugh at the comedian's weeklong gig at Joe's Pub.



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The Rockettes aren't the only entertainment staple in Manhattan during the final week of the year. Sandra Bernhard has delivered a one-woman show at Joe's Pub during Christmas week for the last seven years, and she's doing it again Dec. 26-31.

The witty and sardonic humorist admits she's still suffering from the postelection blues. Bernhard, 61, leans left, though she leaves the heavy lifting when it comes to political comedy to specialists while sticking to her pop culture forte. Getting us to laugh again will be a big job, but if anyone can do it, it's her.

"I'm happy to be a diversion," she tells us. "I can entertain people with a nod and a wink. I think that's what people need right now."

We chatted with the downtown resident about what she's hearing on the streets of New York and her new show, "Sandra Monica Blvd: Coast to Coast."

You are one of Hillary Clinton's "nasty women." What went through your mind when it was evident that Trump would be the president?

It was terrible, absolutely terrible. It was the first time my daughter could



Sandra Bernhard keeps 'em laughing. GETTY IMAGES

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vote. We were absolutely devastated. I'm still depressed about it, but now we have to be clear-minded and strong and do what can in the private sector and think about other things.

What are some of the topics that will be bandied about during your Joe's Pub run?

I'll talk about everything, like I always do. There's AARP, the real possibility that you are about to enter the unsexiest time of your life. I'll talk about running into people on the streets of New York,

like Amnesty International. "Do you have 60 seconds for human rights?" I say, "I'm already involved in covert activities to undermine the very core of your organization."

Your Sirius radio show, "Sandyland," has revealed another side of your humor.

It has. A lot of my fans didn't know I had this side, which is conversational and emotional. I cracked the code of my limitless emotional state. Things are coming around. Why peak at 30? Everything is unfolding for me now.

Few people have nailed it by 25.

Those are the exceptions. You have so much more to give after you're 25. I'm doing what I always wanted to do. I'm doing it 40 years later.

You've said that New York makes you happy. What do you love about your adopted city?

There is so much to love, even though it's not like it was when I first started coming here. First off, there are so many creative people, and the food is great. I just wish it was a little looser like it was 10 or 15 years ago. But things have changed. The money came in and forced so many people out, but it's still a good place. I'm thinking about heading out west on a more regular basis, but I'll always spend time in New York. I love to walk here and check out the beautiful smaller buildings and some of the neighborhoods. I stay away from Midtown since it's crazy, and I don't need crazy.



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Michael Sheen does the robot



In "Passengers," Michael Sheen plays a robot mixologist who's a clear homage to Lloyd the bartender from "The Shining." COLUMBIA PICTURES

Ian Holm in "Alien." Michael Fassbender in "Prometheus." Anthony Daniels' C-3PO. Now there's Michael Sheen in "Passengers" — all actors who've played British robots. Sheen is one of the sci-fi film's few main cast members, taking on the role of a mecha-bartender aboard a luxury spaceship spiriting thousands of sleeping patrons to a far-off planet. When one of them (Chris Pratt) is accidentally awoken — who then awakens a second (Jennifer Lawrence) — Sheen's Arthur finds himself serving a very limited clientele.

The acclaimed actor, 47, who's actually Welsh, talks to us about his love of "Westworld," the nature of consciousness and his history playing computer programs.

So, tell me about playing a robot.

There's a tradition of British-accented movie robots that I have now joined, which I feel very honored about. There's a certain expectation when you see a science fiction movie with a robot that has a British accent. There's

a suspicion of what the agenda might be, of what the robot might do.

Arthur, though, has a simple directive. He's probably not going to suddenly kill everyone, like Ian Holm in "Alien."

He's been programmed to be the perfect bartender. And that means not just the technical aspects of the job, but how he relates to his customers. He needs to anticipate the needs of his customers. If one person just wants quiet, then you do that; if one person wants to talk, you do that.

With Jim, he just has one customer. It means that Arthur has to



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This isn't your first nonhuman character. You played a computer program in "Tron: Legacy," though there you didn't get to do it as a robot. Exactly. I'm so versatile in the programmed characters I play.



Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. won "America's Got Talent" in 2011 with his rendition of "My Way." PROVIDED

Crooning and swooning

"America's Got Talent" winner Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. sweeps the holiday seasons.



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When Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. won NBC's "America's Got Talent" five years ago, he had no idea that he'd continue on with his arsenal of good time swing and emotive, clarion vocal skills. He loved standard jazz classics by his heroes, Sinatra and Bing Crosby, and was simply happy to keep their legacy alive.

But then again, Murphy Jr. never thought he'd make it out of a Michigan car wash where he sang Sinatra tunes to his co-workers. Fast-forward to the present, and not only has he released a debut album, "That's Life," that hit No. 1 on the Billboard Jazz chart, a Christmas album — "Christmas Made for Two" — and an autobiography ("Landau: From Washing Cars to Hollywood Star"), he's readying his third album for a 2017 release with holiday shows on the horizon.

You won "America's Got Talent," but are you a competitive fellow with

everything you do? Music is too pure to be competitive about. I just want to entertain, and that show was a great vehicle for it. I have never been competitive in regard to singing at all. Throwing basketballs, running fast; those things I would compete in. Also, I think that everybody can sing, you just need the right opportunities.

Well, looking at basketball and running for a moment, that takes training. Did you train your voice to do what you wish, or was it — is it — natural?

Life trained my voice, whether it was me being funny with my friends or me chatting in-between dance steps. That said, you couldn't go in unprepared. I've been booed during open mics. My family booed me — but that trains you too; that and singing in church, old age homes and such as I have since I was 3 years old.

Man, that's a tough family. You're not singing conventionally easy stuff to begin with — it's mostly jazz, big band and Tin Pan Alley standards, to go with your own soulful compositions at a time when so many people your age go for pop or hip-hop. What was that challenge like?

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As a normal urban black kid, I grew up listening to rap and pop in West Virginia; from Sugarhill Gang to Cyndi Lauper to the Oak Ridge Boys. By the time we moved to the big city, more of what was popular hip-hop on the radio became my steady diet. But this genre was something I liked from childhood. I sang Bing Crosby every day, just joking with my friends.

Imagine sounding like Sinatra, looking the way I look? But it worked. I think this genre chose me. The music is pure and timeless so it became natural. I have to say too that my friends would crack up listening to me do this — they like me, never took it seriously.

Read how Landau got his big break at **metro.us**

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3 Things to watch for when Jets, Patriots do battle in Week 16

Without much to play for, the Jets still have much to prove Saturday.

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Saturday's tilt with the Patriots will likely go as expected, with the Jets being on the wrong end of the scoreboard. And it's not just because the Patriots (12-2) are superior — that's already a known fact. But also because of the way the Jets (4-10) have essentially mailed it in two of the last three games with sorry, listless performances.

The only saving grace in avoiding what would be a six-game losing streak was a gritty win in San Francisco (1-13), two weeks ago, but they even needed overtime after being down 17-3 against the second-worst team in the league.

Changes are coming for Gang Green for sure. But before the roster gets burned to the ground and rebooted for next season, the Jets need to play out the string. Here's takes a look at other key story

lines to follow, as the Jets make their final road trip of this miserable campaign (1 p.m., CBS).

1 Protecting Petty

The Jets have been one of the more snakebitten teams in the league this year, which only aided to their demise. By kickoff, Gang Green will have just one starting offensive lineman — left guard James Carpenter — remaining at his original position from the start of the season. The other four customary starting offensive linemen are on IR, including former All-Pro center Nick Mangold, who is out for the season and will have ultimately missed half this campaign. This game will feature the ninth different offensive-line combination for the Jets — an impossible predicament for any quarterback, let alone a second-year signal caller who is making just his fifth NFL start.

2 Pick your poison

The Jets have had a difficult time stopping oppos-



The true question is, how much of a fight will the Jets be able to put up in unfriendly Foxboro? GETTY IMAGES

ing running backs this season, and unfortunately for them, New England has a trio able to decimate Gang Green, starting with LeGarrette Blount, who is the bruiser of the bunch. Blount ranks seventh in the league with 1,060 rushing yards and leads the league with 15 rushing touchdowns — which is also a Patriots' single-season record. The other

two backs are more receiving threats, as James White and Dion Lewis will pose a problem for Gang Green's banged up defense. White has the second-most receptions on the team with 53 (only behind wideout Julian Edelman) and has tallied 498 receiving yards. He's also tied for second on the team with four receiving touchdowns, but

has only tallied 143 rushing yards and has yet to rush for a touchdown, so he'll be attacking the Jets through the air. Lewis is rounding into form since returning from an ACL injury in Week 11.

3 Not-so-special teams

The Jets' special teams unit has been a colos-

sal disappointment this season, and not just because of the injury influx. Gang Green has struggled mightily in this area and are currently ranked last in the league by analytic site FootballOutsiders.com. Jalin Marshall, Nick Marshall, Jeremy Ross, and C.J. Spiller have all taken turns for a kickoff return unit that ranks 15th in the NFL with a 22.4-yard average. Special teams coach Brant Boyer has seen roster turnover on his unit, highlighted last week when his kickoff return team featured eight players who weren't even on the Jets at the beginning of the season. Boyer, 45, knows this season hasn't reflected well on him.

"It's been my toughest year in coaching, by far," said Boyer, adding that while injuries have affected his unit, it's ultimately not an excuse. "It's tough. I'm not going to lie. [But] that [injuries] is part of the profession. You've got to be ready when your number's called. That's part of being a professional in this league."

NFL Week 16 best bets: Take Titans, Buccaneers, Falcons on the road

Roll with the road teams in this weekend's NFC South tilts.

Tennessee Titans (-4.5) at Jacksonville Jaguars

This is a fairly generous spread in favor of Tennessee. The Titans come into this tilt off back-to-back wins against the Broncos and Chiefs, while the Jaguars have lost nine straight and just fired head coach Gus Bradley following their loss at Houston in which they blew a double-digit lead.

The Titans have the upper hand in the trenches against Jacksonville. Tennessee's rushing attack led by DeMarco Murray is third-best in the NFL, and they'll be matched up against the Jaguars' 21st-ranked run stoppers. By contrast, Jacksonville will likely

struggle to move the ball on the ground, as their 24th-ranked rush attack squares off with the Titans' seventh-best run prevention unit.

Tennessee should also give Blake Bortles fits when he drops back to pass. The Titans have 34 sacks this year, while Jacksonville's O-Line has given up an alarming 30 sacks on the season. Look for the Titans to crush the bottom-feeding Jaguars while keeping pace in the AFC South race.

The pick: Titans -4.5

Atlanta Falcons (-2.5) at Carolina Panthers

Atlanta has been overwhelming opponents with their offensive firepower all season, and that should be the case again in Carolina this Saturday.



We like the Buccaneers' chances in New Orleans on Saturday. GETTY IMAGES

The Matt Ryan-led Falcons attack gains the second-most YPG in the league and is the runaway leader in PPG at 33.5. The Panthers were able to hold the Redskins to 29 rushing yards on Monday, but they'll face a much sterner test

in the form of backfield tandem Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman in this tilt. And when Ryan needs to go through the air, he'll face little resistance in the Panthers' league-worst pass prevention squad.

Expect Atlanta to squash what little chance Carolina has to squeak into the playoffs this week.

The pick: Falcons -2.5

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New Orleans Saints (-3)

Tampa Bay has turned heads in recent weeks, beating Kansas City, Seattle, San Diego and these New Orleans Saints before dropping a close one to the Cowboys on Sunday night. The way the Bucs went about beating the Saints in Tampa, suffocating Drew Brees and company while allowing just 11 points, was very impressive. The venue changes on Saturday but there's not much evidence to suggest the Saints can turn the tables on their division rival after los-

ing to them less than two weeks ago. In fact, the Saints are 1-4 ATS in their last five games when playing Tampa Bay and 1-4 ATS in their last five as a home favorite.

If Week 14's clash was any indication, Brees will have trouble moving the chains and can be baited into making mistakes (he threw 3 INTs in that clash). He also won't have his running backs to bail him out, as Mark Ingram and Tim Hightower combined for just 46 yards on 13 carries in Week 14. Meanwhile, Jameis Winston can afford to take chances down the field trying to find his favorite target, Mike Evans, as the Saints have tallied just seven INTs all year.

The pick: Buccaneers +3

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Things to watch for as Red Bulls important offseason continues

A bevy of important decisions will be made before the Red Bulls hit the pitch in 2017.



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It will be a short offseason for the New York Red Bulls. The twice-defending Eastern Conference champions will resume CONCACAF Champions League play in February prior to the start of the MLS regular season in early March. Between now and then, the Red Bulls will have some work to do, however.

How to make better a team that won the Supporters Shield two years ago and has made the playoffs every season since moving into dazzling Red Bull Arena in 2010? Three things to watch from the Red Bulls heading into a busy offseason:

1 A central midfielder gets moved

An injury to Dax McCarty midway through the season allowed playing time for young Sean Davis, who showed that he is ready to start in MLS. With a possible move to a 4-2-2-2 this season, the Red Bulls suddenly have four starting quality center midfielders and have a fifth in Tyler Adams, who is developing; it



The Red Bulls fell just short of their goals last season and will try and improve this offseason. GETTY IMAGES

might just be too much to keep. Sacha Kljestan was an MVP candidate last year and won't be moved so it will be interesting to see who the Red Bulls retain. McCarty, steady as they come, is set for a national team call-up this January, a well-deserved nod for his play over the past three seasons. Davis is young and a good value under the salary cap and Felipe is an ideal fit in this system. But some team is going to see the glut of talent here and offer a trade, something that could land the Red Bulls some allocation money. The Red Bulls might not want to move someone but if they want to add another attacker and

some defensive depth, they might have to.

2 The DP dilemma

Gonzalo Veron came to the Red Bulls late in the 2015 season from Argentina, the designated player looking at the time like a great fit for the team. But through last season, Veron hasn't gelled with the team and lost his starting place by the summer to rookie Alex Muyl. Veron might hold some value for a team looking for a winger and his designated player contract is one the Red Bulls might want to move to shore up some other positions of need. If the Red Bulls get any reasonable offer

then Veron might be on the move.

3 That backline

In all likelihood, the Red Bulls will need to add two defenders this offseason, especially with Champions League play and competitions such as the U.S. Open Cup. Aurelien Collin, acquired midway through the season in a trade, is out of contract but sources say that the team is aggressively trying to make a new deal possible. Regardless, the Red Bulls will need to add one more centerback as well as a right back to compete with Sal Zizzo. Both players need to be starting quality.

Rangers rebound?



The Rangers suffered perhaps their worst loss in years as they fell, 7-2, to the defending champion Penguins on Tuesday. They'll be back on the ice looking to show they have a short memory when the Wild come to town, a 7 p.m. start, on MSG. GETTY IMAGES

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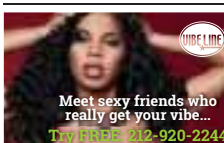
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The parties have agreed to a proposed settlement under which the Museum, without any concession, finding of wrongdoing, or agreement regarding the adequacy or inadequacy of the current disclosures, will revise its signs, website, and other disclosures of its "pay what you wish" admission fee policy. No money will be paid to class members, and no adjudication of any claims for money damages they may have will occur.

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OF NEW YORK MELLON, as
Paying Agent and Collateral
Agent and Custodian for the
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiffs

-against-

MICHAEL MCMAHON, KAREN
BRACEY, et al. Defendant(s).

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Index Number 7903/2014 Guy R.

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NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE
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as Paying Agent and Collateral
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SUPREME COURT

COUNTY OF QUEENS NYCTL
1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK
OF NEW YORK MELLON, and
Collateral Agent and Custodian
for the NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST,
Plaintiffs

-against-

MARLEEN MANRAGH,
et al. Defendant(s).

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Index Number 704975/2014

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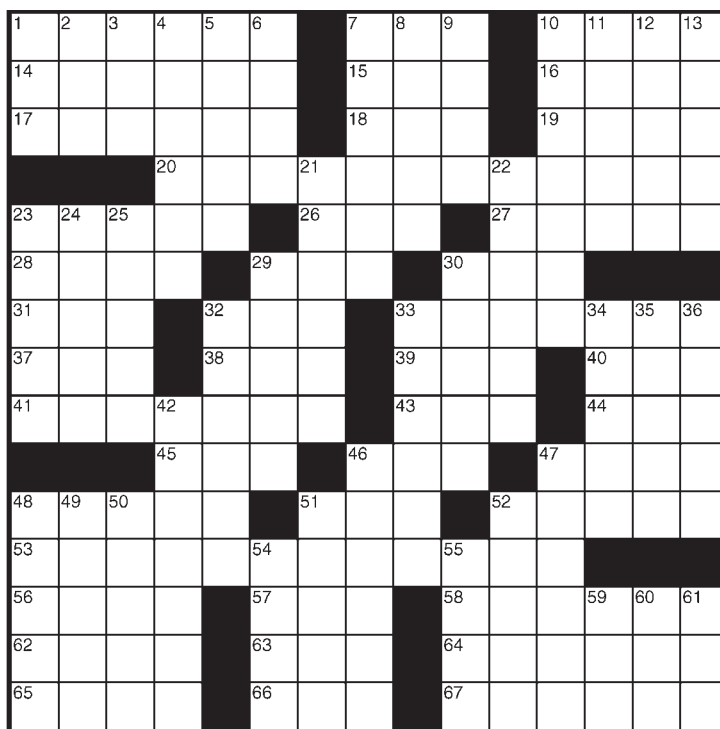
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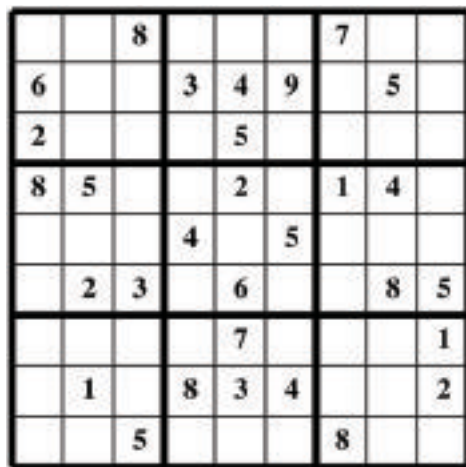
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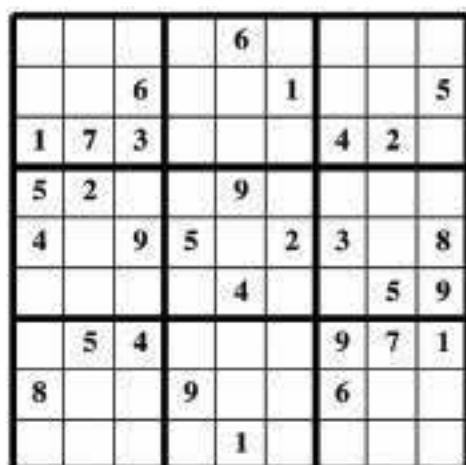


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Virgo Plan to have some fun. Decorating your home or getting together with friends or peers for a little festive cheer will bring you closer together.



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